



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,576-A)

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In the Application of: )  
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 Mohammad S. Nasir and ) Examiner: Deborah A. Davis  
 Michael E. Jolley )  
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 Serial No.: 09/903,061 ) Art Unit: 1641  
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 For: Fluorescence Polarization-Based )  
 Homogeneous Assay For Deoxynivalenol )  
 In Grains )

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2003**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Office Action Mailed December 17, 2003
  - b) Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to fees, there are no fees.
  - a) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail Service, EV 333556545 US, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 16, 2004

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